## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) of an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ZOOM LENS SYSTEM the specification of which is attached hereto. was filed on February 25, 2004 as United States Application No. 10/785,096 International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **Priority Claimed** Yes No Application No. Filing Date Country 2003-051386 JAPAN February 27, 2003 2003-341903 September 30, 2003 **JAPAN** I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below: Application No. I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below

and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No.